

# How to build momentum and advocate for Rabies

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World Rabies Day Webinar Celebrating action to maintain momentum





# Rabies Facts

We have the tools, methods and initiative

Proof of concept for elimination

#### Develop and implement national action plan



- Develop a clear Roadmap/operational plan
- One health approach
- Advocacy and funding





#### Building momentum for innovation – vaccination strategies

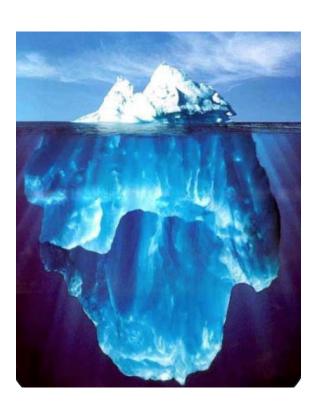
- Community-driven rabies vaccination campaign
- Volunteer-led campaign
- Private veterinary-led vaccination campaign
- Government-led vaccination campaign
- NGOs-led vaccination campaigns
- Others ?



## Capacity building and workforce



Strengthen rabies surveillance and improve data availability and management



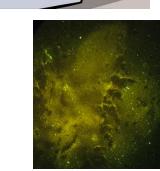














#### Awareness education



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RABIES ENDS HERE WITH ME



Every 9 minutes, someone dies from rabies.

I join #rabiesendshere

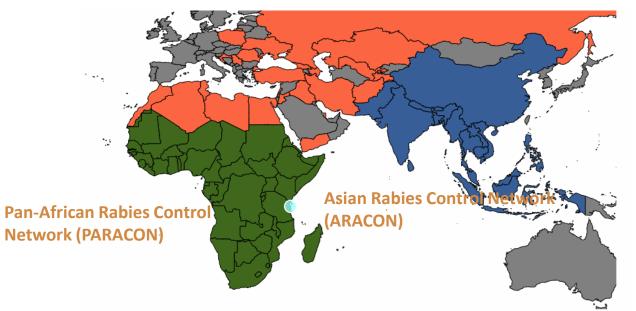


### **Rabies Networking**

• Strengthening and delivering a regional approach

Media Center Main Page	Mexico is free from human rabies transmitted by dogs
Press Releases	The country is the first in the world to obtain WHO validation for eliminating this disease as a public health
Web Bulletins	problem
Country News Fact sheets	11 of November 2019 – Washington DC/Geneva– Mexico has become the first country in the world to receive validation from the World Health Organization (WHO) for eliminating dog-transmitted rabies as a public health problem.
Infographics	
Champions of Health	"Eliminating rabies doesn't happen by accident," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director- General. "It takes political resolve, careful planning and meticulous execution. I congratulate the Government of Mexico on this wonderful achievement and hope many other countries will follow its example."
Public Health Heroes	
Campaigns	

#### Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and North Africa Rabies Control Network (MERACON)





- Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
- Meetings of Rabies Program Directors of the Americas (REDIPRA)



Global Alliance

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If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together



### Collaboration and multisectoral engagement

- Strengthen OH approach
- Collaboration with civil society and private sector
- National/international collaboration





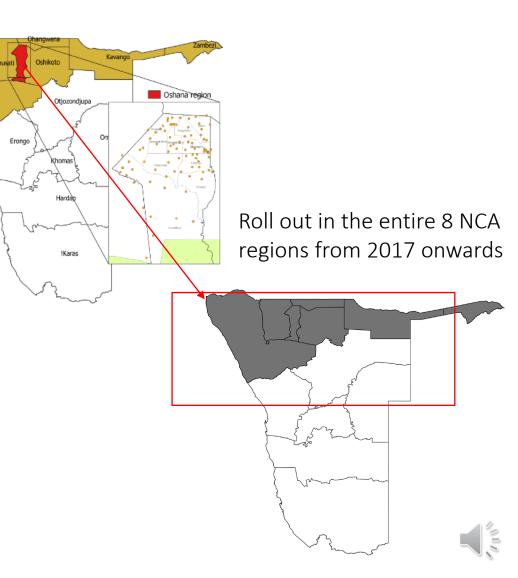
#### Start small and build on the progress – a case example in Namibia



#### Rabies surveillance in dogs

2011-2017 Rabies surveillance positive negative suspected

First pilot dog vaccination campaign started in May 2016



#### Stakeholder engagement, planning meeting, training etc,...

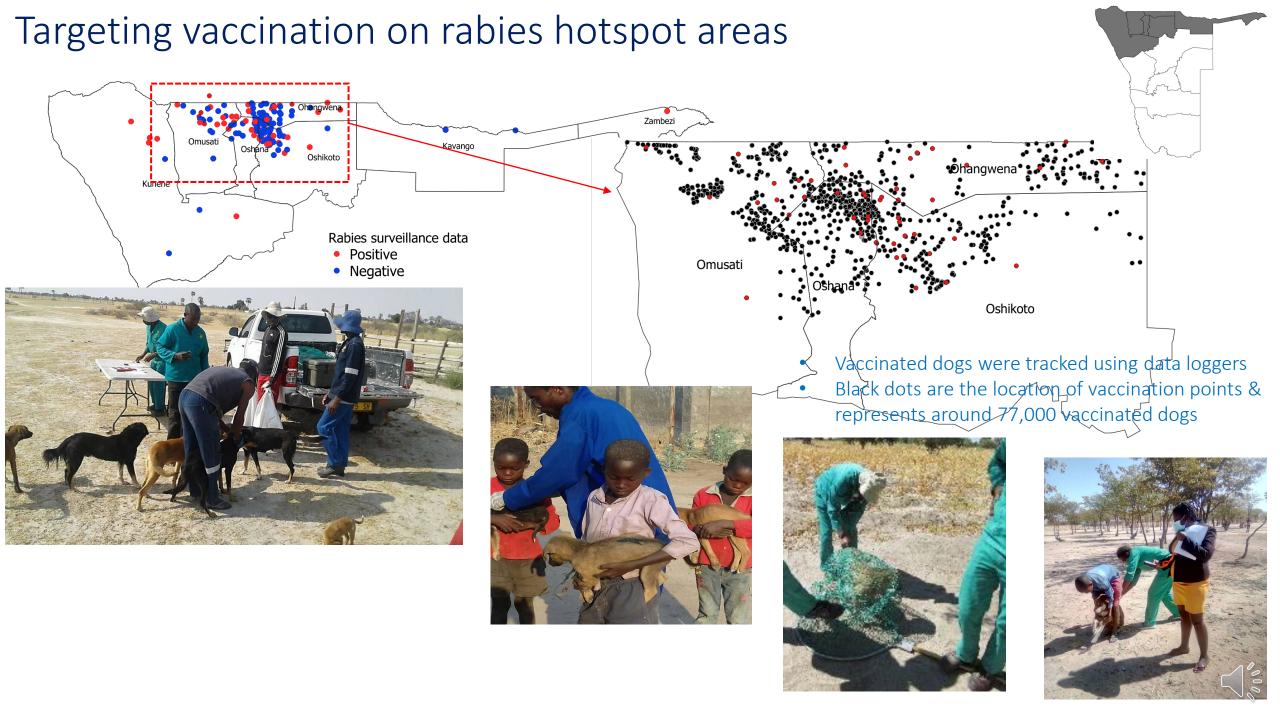














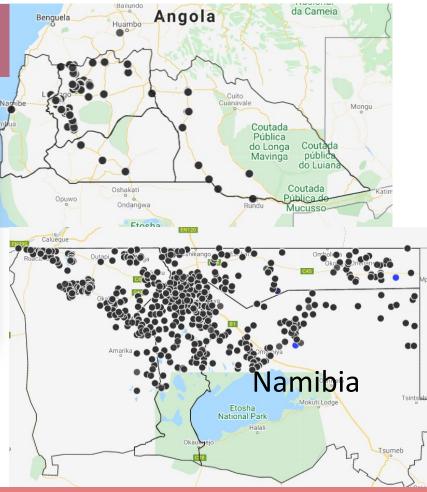
- -Rabies vaccination in dogs done alongside annual FMD/CBPP vaccination campaign in cattle.
- -increases vaccination coverage in remote villages

#### Cross-border collaboration: Namibia and Angola as an example









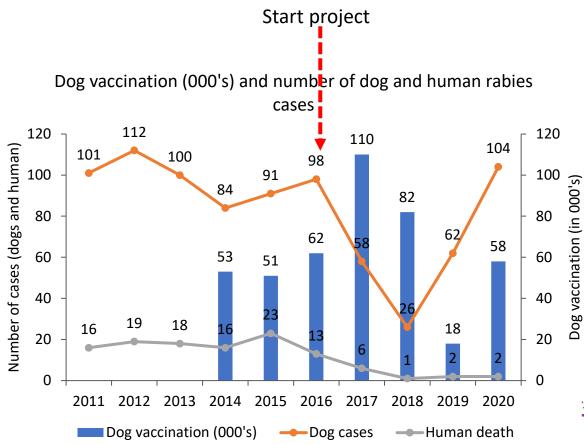
~121,000 dogs vaccinated in 2019-2021



### Review and planning meeting



#### Project achievement



- ✓ Improved veterinary services capacities
- ✓ One health coordination
- Rabies surveillance
- ✓ Rabies awareness /education of people
- cross-border collaboration
- International/national collaboration



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#### Article

#### Fighting Dog-Mediated Rabies in Namibia—Implementation of a Rabies Elimination Program in the Northern Communal Areas

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#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ecology and epidemiology of rabies in humans, domestic animals and wildlife in Namibia, 2011-2017

Emmanuel H. Hikufe<sup>1\*</sup>, Conrad M. Freuling<sup>02\*\*</sup>, Rauna Athingo<sup>3</sup>, Albertina Shilongo<sup>1</sup>, Emmy-Else Ndevaetela<sup>4</sup>, Maria Helao<sup>4</sup>, Mathews Shiind<sup>1\*</sup>, Rainer Hassel<sup>8</sup>, Alec Bishl<sup>5</sup>, Siegfried Khashe<sup>5</sup>, Juliet Kabajan<sup>3</sup>, Jolandie van der Westhuizen<sup>7</sup>, Gregorio Torres<sup>7</sup>, Andrea Britton<sup>8</sup>, Moetapele Letshwenyo<sup>8</sup>, Karin Schwabenbauer<sup>9</sup>, Thomas C. Mettenleiter<sup>3</sup>, Nicolai Denzin<sup>10</sup>, Susanne Amler<sup>10</sup>, Franz J. Conraths<sup>10</sup>, Thomas Müller<sup>2</sup> Adrianatus Maseke<sup>1</sup>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Application of the GARC Data Logger—a custom-developed data collection device—to capture and monitor mass dog vaccination campaigns in Namibia

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### OIE endorsement of a national control programme

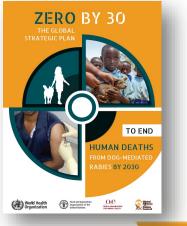
Benefits of the endorsement for OIE Members:

- wider access to international expertise and capacity-building activities
- increased engagement of governments in rabies elimination
- facilitated access to international funding
- stronger coordination at the regional level to eliminate the disease
- support to validation on rabies elimination

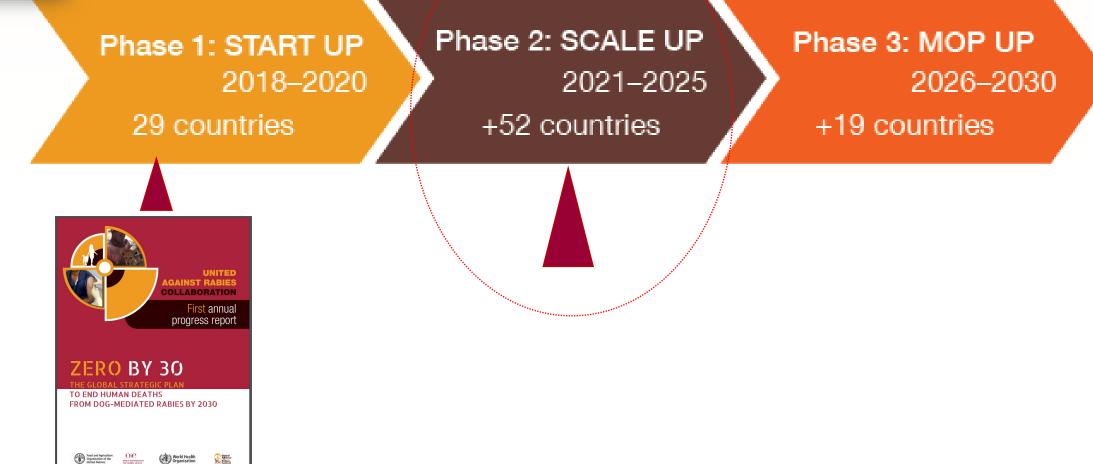
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OIE Members are highly encouraged to apply for OIE endorsement of their national control plan





### Phase 2 of Zero by 30







'We now have a chance to strengthen One Health coordination and regional cooperation... Uniting against rabies is an excellent way to put those ideas into action.'

Dr Qu Dongyu, Director General of FAO



'Despite the role of dogs as the main vector, their vaccination is not often prioritised in countries where human rabies is still present, for economic and structural reasons.'

Dr Monique Éloit, Director General of the OIE



'COVID-19 has reminded us of the intimate links between our own health and that of animals and the environment. We can only end rabies with a One Health approach.'

Dr Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus, Director-General of WHO



The United Against Rabies Forum, announced by the Directors-General of FAO, the OIE and WHO in September 2020, seeks to accelerate the sustained effort needed to deliver on the vision of Zero by 30.

- An inclusive network of stakeholders from a range of sectors
- Common vision for rabies elimination
- Formed working groups
- Support the implementation of 'Zero by 30'
- United Against Rabies Forum was launched in September 2020

Global Rabies Coordinator

https://uarforum.org/



## Building momentum: UAR Forum



**Topic:** United Against Rabies Forum Annual Meeting **Description:** 

27 September 2021: Rabies and One Heath - Challenges and Opportunities (12.00 PM Universal Time UTC)

4 October 2021: Effective use of vaccines, medicines, tools, and technologies towards Zero by 30 (12.00 PM Universal Time UTC)

**11 October 2021: Strategic and operational support towards Zero by 30** (12.00 PM Universal Time UTC)

**<u>REGISTER</u>**: https://oie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_Y6Q7W5GOTLWioqyiHQ7KFw</u>



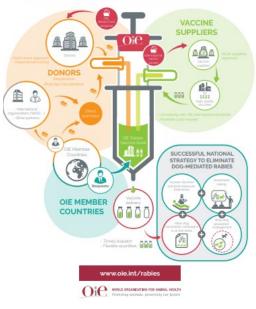
# Rabies vaccine support to implement mass dog vaccination

- Ensure availability of quality vaccines for both human and animals
- OIE Rabies vaccine bank established in 2012
  - 97 deliveries for a total of 26 millions doses in 38 beneficiary countries since 2012
  - Expanded to Asia & Africa
- GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, to include human rabies vaccines, to scale up rabies post-exposure









During the past year, the Bank directly contributed to implementation of the Strategic Plan by ensuring delivery of **over 2 million doses of rabies vaccines to 13 countries** 

(Benin, Eritrea, Indonesia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Myanmar, Namibia, Philippines, Singapore, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe).





